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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, THROUGH MINISTER OF HEALTH DR. M. R. HARPER, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING HOSPITALIZATION AT NIH FOR FRIEND AND PROMINENT LOCAL PHYSICIAN(PSYCHIATRIST) DR. HORACE CHOLMONDELEY.

2. DR. CHOLMONDELEY'S AFFILIATION ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, AS "DISEASE FROM WHICH LOU GEHRIG DIED." MEDICAL REPORT PREPARED BY CONSULTING PHYSICIAN IN JAMAICA ON DEC 31, 1973, COPY OF WHICH WE HAVE, DESCRIBED IT AS "ANOTHER NEURONE DISEASE." ANOTHER SOURCE HAS TERMED IT "AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS." IN ANY EVENT, CHOLMONDELEY REPORTEDLY EXPERIENCING INCREASINGLY ACUTE DEPRESSION.

3. CHOLMONDELEY HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL TO EMB IN PAST AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP HIM IF POSSIBLE AS WELL AS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST. HAVE INFORMED MINISTER OF HEALTH THAT WOULD TRY, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT ANY ARRANGEMENTS IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE NO EXPENSE TO USG.

4. DR. ALEXIS, HEAD OF MED DEPT HOWARD UNIVERSITY FULLY AWARE OF DR. CHOLMONDELEY'S CASE AND CLD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NECESSARY.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. KING
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